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# INSURANCE COVERAGE AND PRACTICE SYMPOSIUM

DECEMBER 6-7, 2012 SHERATON NEW YORK HOTEL NEW YORK, NEW YORK



# **REASONS TO ATTEND**

- Discuss cutting-edge issues with nationally recognized insurance coverage counsel, judges and mediators
  - Learn about the American Law Institute's proposed "Principles of the Law of Liability Insurance" from the project reporter and advisers
- Hear a retired state supreme court chief justice discuss judicial perspectives on coverage and bad faith cases
- Learn new practice skills and litigation techniques for the digital age
- Network nationally with peers and clients, while earning up to 12 hours of CLE credit, including 1 hour of ethics credit, and enjoying the holiday season in New York City

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DRI's Insurance Coverage and Practice Symposium is the premier professional educational event on the subject of insurance coverage and claims. This year's faculty is comprised of distinguished law professors and authors, top insurance coverage attorneys and insurance industry leaders, who will provide insightful education and training on some of the most important insurance coverage and claims issues facing coverage attorneys and the insurance industry today. The symposium also provides an excellent opportunity for networking in New York City during the holidays with some of the best practitioners and professionals in the insurance coverage and claims arena.



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# WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- The year's 10 most significant coverage opinions
- How new and traditional policy language may respond to emerging computer and privacy claims
- How to communicate effectively through electronic media
- The ethics of negotiation in mediation
- Coverage issues following the trends in climate change litigation
- How to deal with claims under high deductible and high SIR policies
- Hot issues in professional liability coverage

# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

# WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012

6:00 p.m. Registration

6:00 p.m. Networking Reception

# THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2012

7:00 a.m. **Registration** 

7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

Sponsored by Jeff Kichaven Commercial Mediation

7:00 a.m. First-Time Attendees Breakfast

Michael M. Marick, Insurance Law Committee Chair

8:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction

**Michael F. Aylward**, *Morrison Mahoney LLP*, Boston, Massachusetts

**Michael M. Marick**, *Meckler Bulger Tilson Marick & Pearson LLP*, Chicago, Illinois

**F. Lane Finch, Jr.**, *Hand Arendall LLC*, Birmingham. Alabama

# 8:15 a.m. Top Ten Insurance Decisions of 2012

Mr. Maniloff's annual summary of the year's 10 most significant coverage decisions is widely read in the industry. He will release his 12th annual edition, and you will be the first to hear his insights and commentary, as well as some prognostication about some of the significant coverage appeals expected to be decided in 2013.

Randy J. Maniloff, White and Williams LLP, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

# 9:10 a.m. Does the "Reasonably Debatable" Doctrine Have a Future?

Recent rulings from California and elsewhere have significantly eroded what traditionally has been a major insurer bulwark against bad faith claims. Experienced trial counsel will discuss what remains of the "reasonably debatable" doctrine and how insurers can most effectively assert it in extracontractual disputes with insureds. The use of expert testimony in the context of this debate will also be addressed.

Maria Louise "Ria" Cousineau, Sedgwick LLP, Los Angeles, California 10:00 a.m. Refreshment Break

Sponsored by Hurwitz & Fine PC

10:15 a.m. Changing Times, Shifting Risks: Coverage Issues in High Self-Insured Retensions and High

**Deductible Policies** 

High self-insured retentions and deductibles give insureds more control over their loss programs and the potential to save premium dollars. They also create issues for insurers, as disputes arise over control of defense, exhaustion, allocation and settlement logistics. Counsel will explore the context in which these issues arise and how courts around the country are addressing them.

**Deborah M. Minkoff**, *Cozen O'Connor*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

# 11:10 a.m. The Principles of the Law of Liability Insurance

In 2010, the influential American Law Institute embarked on an ambitious project to create "principles" of liability insurance to guide insurers, insureds and courts. As the project nears its midpoint, the ALI reporter and key participants will discuss the issues addressed to date, the project's current status, and what effect it may have on insurance coverage litigation.

#### Moderator

**Michael M. Marick**, *Meckler Bulger Tilson Marick & Pearson LLP*, Chicago, Illinois

#### Panel

**Tom Baker**, *University of Pennsylvania Law School*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Richard L. Neumeier**, *Morrison Mahoney LLP*, Boston, Massachusetts

**Douglas R. Richmond**, *Aon Risk Solutions*, Chicago, Illinois

12:00 p.m. **Lunch** (on your own)

# 1:15 p.m. Appellate Advocacy and Climate Change Coverage Litigation

Lead appellate and trial counsel in the landmark case *Steadfast v. AES* will discuss the potential impact of the Virginia Supreme Court's ruling in this first-ever climate change coverage suit. The panel will discuss so-called "global warming liability" suits, trends in courts' definitions of what constitutes an "occurrence," and how insurance issues can be presented most effectively on appeal.

**The Honorable Leah Ward Sears (Ret.)**, *Schiff Hardin LLP*, Atlanta, Georgia

**William F. Stewart**, *Nelson Levine de Luca & Hamilton LLC*, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania

# 2:10 p.m. The Worm That Byte Me: Emerging Data Breaches, Invasion of Privacy Claims and Cyber Crimes

As computers become ever more deeply embedded in our daily personal and commercial interactions, the incidence of computer hacking, data breaches and other alleged privacy invasions has proliferated. Mr. Foy will take an in-depth look at whether coverage for such losses is available under traditional policies, and discuss how new insurance products might respond to these claims.

**Matthew S. Foy**, *Gordon & Rees LLP*, San Francisco, California

# 3:05 p.m. Refreshment Break

Sponsored by Zelle McDonough & Cohen LLP

# 3:20 p.m. Your Mind Online: New Legal Communication Skills for the Rewired Brain

In a time when more judges, court staff and clients are reading briefs and cases on computer screens, research is demonstrating that screen reading changes the way readers process information. The author of Legal Writing for the Rewired Brain: Persuading Readers in a Paperless World will explain these changes and propose new tools to inform and persuade electronic readers effectively.

**Robert B. Dubose**, *Alexander Dubose & Townsend LLP*, Houston, Texas

# 4:10 p.m. Employment Practices Liability Coverage: The Slumbering Giant

Employment-related claims are now the single largest source of litigation in federal courts.

How are such claims being treated under conventional CGL policies and increasingly common EPL policies and endorsements? Counsel will discuss "claims made" issues, intentional harm exclusions and inferred intent, "other insurance" provisions, and coverage for sexual misconduct in the workplace.

**Laura A. Foggan**, *Wiley Rein LLP*, Washington, D.C.

5:00 p.m. Insurance Law Committee Meeting (open to all)

6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception** 

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7:00 p.m. Dine-Arounds

Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for dinner (on your own).

More details on-site.

# FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2012

7:00 a.m. Registration

7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

7:00 a.m. In-House to In-House Breakfast

Sponsored by DRI Corporate Counsel Committee

8:00 a.m. Announcements

**F. Lane Finch, Jr.**, *Hand Arendall LLC*, Birmingham, Alabama

Rina Carmel, Musick Peeler & Garrett LLP, Los Angeles, California

# 8:05 a.m. Hot Issues in Professional Liability Coverage: Lessons from the DRI Compendium

Top coverage attorneys have compiled DRI's upcoming 50-state compendium on professional liability coverage issues. This panel will delve into emerging issues identified in the compendium and discuss significant trends in this area, including whether a claim involves "professional services" and, thus, whether it implicates E&O or CGL policies; whether claims are related; when an insured has sufficient prior knowledge of a claim for an insurer to decline coverage; and timing requirements for reporting claims.

#### Moderator

Mark E. Cohen, Zelle McDonough & Cohen LLP, Boston, Massachusetts

# Panel

**R. Steven Rawls**, *Butler Pappas Weihmuller Katz Craig LLP*, Tampa, Florida

**Kurt M. Zitzer**, *Meagher & Geer PLLP*, Phoenix, Arizona

# 9:00 a.m. The New ABCs of Toxic Torts: What Coverage Lawyers Need to Know About Toxic Tort Bodily Injury Claims

From asbestos to benzene to carbon nanotubes, toxic torts arise in many forms and present diverse coverage problems. Ms. Santana will present effective strategies for assessing today's state of the art medical and exposure evidence; analyzing discovery plans, expert testimony, case status reports and settlement recommendations; and crafting defense and indemnity agreements between an insured and its defending insurers.

**Carmen Santana**, *Berkes Crane Robinson & Seal LLP*, Los Angeles, California

#### 10:00 a.m. **Refreshment Break**

# 10:15 a.m. Current Procedural Strategies and Issues in Coverage Litigation

Whether, when and how to file a declaratory judgment action can profoundly influence the outcome of a coverage dispute. This session will cover the practical and legal implications of declaratory judgments. You will learn about procedural pitfalls associated with these actions, removal, and intervention, with a deeper look at strategy considerations and the discretionary nature of the relief available.

**Chauntis T. Jenkins**, *Porteous Hainkel and Johnson LLP*. New Orleans. Louisiana

**E. Ford Stephens**, *Christian & Barton LLP*, Richmond, Virginia

# 11:00 a.m. Candor and Honesty in Seeking Peace: The Ethics of Negotiation in Mediation

The ethical principles and norms of negotiating while mediating disputes will be examined from both the attorneys' and mediator's perspectives. How much factual information must be disclosed in response to a mediator's guestions?

What is the nature and extent of a party's obligation to negotiate in good faith? May the mediator seek disclosure of the parties' settlement authority? What ethical issues are implicated by a mediator's request for a prospective waiver of liability, or by law that limits an attorney's malpractice exposure for mediation-related errors and omissions?

**Jeff Kichaven**, *Jeff Kichaven Commercial Mediation*. Los Angeles. California

**Deborah Masucci**, *American International Group Inc.*, New York, New York

**Ellen Waldman**, *Thomas Jefferson School of Law*, San Diego, California

# 12:00 p.m. Discovery Traps for the Unwary in Coverage Cases

The tidal wave of discovery in today's coverage and bad faith cases can be overwhelming. Dealing with the deluge is the subject of this in-depth look at current law and emerging trends, which will discuss protecting the insurer from intrusive inquiries; privilege issues; and document preservation in the digital age, including smartphone data, social media and metadata. It is not just a myth that discovery wins cases, so knowing how to avoid potential traps allows insurers to be best positioned for success in litigation.

**Jonathan L. Schwartz**, *Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP*. Chicago. Illinois

**David Turner, CPCU, IPI**, *State Farm Insurance*, Bloomington. Illinois

# 12:45 p.m. Navigating "Other Insurance" Disputes

When is one policy in excess of another? What factors are considered in prioritizing coverage? Can an insured "target" one insurer to the exclusion of others? These issues often arise in construction defect claims, especially when additional insureds and indemnity claims enter the picture. Counsel will walk us through the current legal landscape and propose practical solutions for controlling these risks.

**Shaun McParland Baldwin**, *Tressler LLP*, Chicago, Illinois

1:30 p.m. Adjourn

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September 20–21	<b>Nursing Home/ALF Litigation</b> The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV	May 9–10	Business Litigation and Intellectual Property InterContinental Chicago, Chicago, IL
October 24–28	<b>Annual Meeting</b> <i>New Orleans Marriott,</i> New Orleans, LA	May 16–17	Drug and Medical Device Sheraton New York Hotel, New York, NY
November 8-9	<b>Asbestos Medicine</b> Fontainebleau Miami Beach, Miami Beach, FL	May 16–17	Retail and Hospitality Litigation and Claims Management
December 6–7	Insurance Coverage and Practice Sheraton New York Hotel, New York, NY	June 6–7	InterContinental Chicago, Chicago, IL  Insurance Bad Faith and Extra—
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March 14–15	<b>Women in the Law</b> <i>Eden Roc Renaissance Miami Beach,</i> Miami Beach, FL	September 19–20	<b>Strictly Automotive</b> <i>The Dearborn Inn, A Marriott Hotel</i> , Dearborn, MI
March 20–22	<b>Trial Tactics</b> <i>Paris Las Vegas</i> , Las Vegas, NV	September 26–27	<b>Construction Law</b> The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV
March 21–22	Medical Liability and Health Care Law Eden Roc Renaissance Miami Beach,	October 16–20	<b>Annual Meeting</b> Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, Chicago, IL
April 3–5	Miami Beach, FL  Product Liability Conference	November 7–8	Asbestos Medicine New Orleans Marriott, New Orleans, LA
April 10–12	Gaylord National, National Harbor, MD  Insurance Coverage and Claims Institute	December 12–13	Insurance Coverage and Practice Symposium Sheraton New York Hotel, New York, NY
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